



# Influenza Update for Physician Office Laboratories

## Laboratory Learning Links Teleconference

September 26, 2006 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. ET

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### DESCRIPTION

Influenza viruses present a continuing challenge for physician office laboratories and medical clinics as we approach the 2006-2007 season. Why is there so much concern about Influenza and Bird Flu? What do you need to know about the rapid test kits in order to select the appropriate kit for your laboratory? Are you taking right kinds of biosafety precautions when performing rapid tests for influenza? Where do physician office laboratories and medical clinics fit into seasonal and pandemic influenza planning activities? Learn answers to these important questions without having to leave your office or clinic!

### OBJECTIVES

*At the conclusion of this program, the participants will be able to*

- Describe the characteristics and symptoms of influenza.
- Explain how the performance characteristics of the rapid test kits can be used to determine the most appropriate kit for the setting and the biosafety precautions that should be taken when performing the tests.
- Discuss the role of the physician office laboratory in seasonal influenza outbreaks and pandemic planning.

### AUDIENCE

This basic-level program is appropriate for personnel working in Physician Office Laboratories and Medical Clinics, including laboratory staff, nurses, physician assistants, and physicians.

### AGENDA (All times are listed in Eastern Time. Please adjust for your time zone.)

- 1:00 p.m. Overview of Influenza
- 1:15 p.m. A Review of the Rapid Tests for Influenza Detection
- 1:40 p.m. Biosafety Concerns for the Physician Office Laboratory: What You Need to Know
- 1:50 p.m. Role of the Physician Office Laboratory in Seasonal Outbreaks and Pandemic Influenza Preparation
- 2:00 p.m. Adjourn

### FACULTY

- **Carol Kirk** is the Coordinator of the Virology Program and the Laboratory Network at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene in Madison, Wisconsin.
- **Peter A. Shult, Ph.D.** is the Chief Virologist and Director of the Communicable Disease Division and Emergency Laboratory Response at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene in Madison, Wisconsin.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Association of Public Health Laboratories is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCLS P.A.C.E.<sup>®</sup> Program. Participants who successfully complete this program will be awarded 1 contact hour.

### SITE REGISTRATION \$50.00 per site, payable to the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL)

- **Registration Deadline: September 12, 2006**  
Register online at <http://www.nltn.org/courses>. (If you have difficulty with the online registration process, please call 240-485-2727 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET or e-mail [registrar@aphl.org](mailto:registrar@aphl.org)). Upon receipt of your registration, a confirmation letter will be sent by e-mail to registered site representatives.

### SPECIAL NEEDS

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals requiring special accommodations should notify the NLTN office by e-mail ([mwoffice@nltn.org](mailto:mwoffice@nltn.org)) or phone (312.793.3306) at least two weeks before the program.

### INFORMATION

Teleconferences allow you to participate in programs at your office or clinic. For one fee, your facility can have an unlimited number of participants listening to the program via one speaker phone. Participation is easy. Designate a site representative who will be responsible for the registration of your facility. After successful registration, the facilitator will receive information on how to access the program. Should you have questions regarding the program format or content, please contact the NLTN by phone (312-793-3306) or email ([mwoffice@nltn.org](mailto:mwoffice@nltn.org)).



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